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TO: Minerals File

FROM: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor *DWH*

RE: Site Inspection, Hecla Mining Company, Apex Mine, M/053/002,
Washington County, Utah

Date of Inspection: October 16, 1991

Time of Inspection: 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Conditions: Sunny, cool, dry

Participants: Wayne Hedberg, DOGM

The purpose of the inspection was to confirm the suspended status of this mine site. Upon approaching this mine on the main access road, I encountered a locked gate at the location of where the company has, in the past, had a 24-hour guard stationed in a small trailer. The trailer has since been removed from this location and there was no one at the mine site. I walked up the road beyond the gate to the mine site and visually inspected the status of the suspended operation.

All the portals were adequately secured with iron gates. All the buildings were appropriately locked. The mine site is being maintained in a workmanlike fashion. Most of the equipment that remains on site is adequately secured. Trash and associated mining related debris is consolidated into small areas.

One area of particular note that was different from the last field inspection involves a new surface disturbance located at the southwest corner of the mine site area. The operator has constructed a small access road and exposed a small limestone outcrop area. The area affected is approximately 115 x 75 feet. It was obvious that some limestone had been mined and removed from the outcrop area.

I do recall the operator discussing their possible intentions of wanting to develop a small limestone quarry adjacent to the mine site during a previous site inspection. However, this proposal was never formally approved by the Division. It

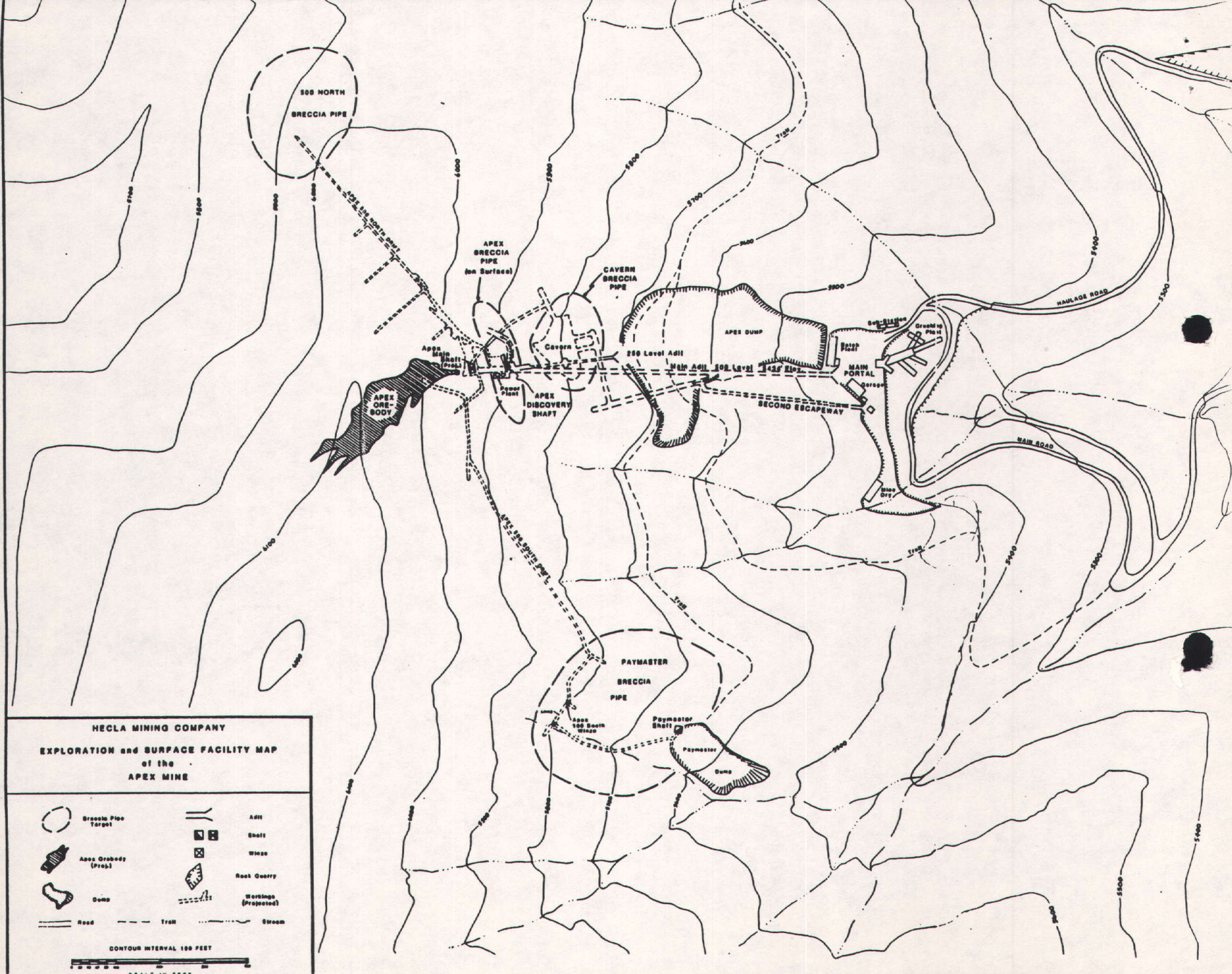
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was my understanding that Hecla was not going to pursue this option and had entered into a contract with L & M Construction to develop a limestone deposit on the opposite side of the mountain, which does currently exist.

There were no environmental concerns of significance observed during the site inspection. There was some erosion of the access road above the gate leading up to the mine site, but it was not severe enough to warrant attention by the operator at this time.

A few photographs were taken of the mine site to document the suspended status during my inspection.

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HECLA MINING COMPANY
EXPLORATION and SURFACE FACILITY MAP
of the
APEX MINE

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| | | Adit |
| | | Shaft |
| | | Waste |
| | | Rock Quarry |
| | | Workings (Projected) |
| | | Trail |
| | | Stream |

CONTOUR INTERVAL 100 FEET

